

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Purchasing Managers (11-3061)

Associated Occupation: General and Operations Managers (11-1021)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

Focus Occupation: Purchasing Managers (11-3061)

Associated Occupation: General and Operations Managers (11-1021)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Administration and Management	8.4	17.3	16.4	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	16.4	13.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	15.2	12.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Economics and Accounting	4.4	13.0	11.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	12.0	10.3	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Sales and Marketing	5.2	10.5	8.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

Focus Occupation: Purchasing Managers (11-3061)

Associated Occupation: General and Operations Managers (11-1021)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Monitoring	9.9	12.5	12.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Coordination	9.1	12.3	14.2	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Negotiation	6.8	10.8	13.6	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Management of Personnel Resources	6.9	10.7	13.3	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Persuasion	7.4	10.5	13.6	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient

Operations Analysis	5.0	10.1	6.4	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Management of Material Resources	3.7	9.2	10.4	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Management of Financial Resources	3.3	8.1	12.3	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	13.2	11.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	13.2	13.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Expression	9.8	13.2	13.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	9.8	12.5	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Originality	7.6	9.6	11.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 68
Focus Occupation: Purchasing Managers (11-3061) Associated Occupation: General and Operations Managers (11-1021)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Assign work to staff or employees	30	
Conduct or attend staff meetings	47	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	
Oversee execution of organizational or program policies	49	
Use inventory control procedures	70	
Use negotiation techniques	67	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common	Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 93
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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Calculating machines and accessories	3
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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